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THURSDAY, *APRIL* 8, 1736.

The Propoſal began in our laſt continued.

LET us now endeavour to make ſome calculation of the annual expence of thoſe diverſions, in which nothing ſhall be laid down, but what will be ſupported by ſufficient proofs.

Let us ſuppoſe then, that the Seaſon for Plays continues fourty weeks, at the four Play-houſes, in Drury-Lane, Covent-Garden, Hay-Market, and Goodman's-fields, and that the collection at each of the three firſt, amounts to eighty pounds a night, which will make 480 l. per week; which being multiplied by 3 will produce 1440 l. at thoſe three houſes every week, and this again being multiplied by fourty (the number of weeks in which Plays are acted) will make 57,600 l.

l.
80
6
480
3
1440
40
57,600

I thought proper to make a ſeparate computation for the Houſe in Goodman's-fields, in regard the collection there ſeldom exceeds 30 l. a night, and then the account will ſtand thus.

l.
30
6
180
40
7200

Annual collection at the other Houſes	57,600
Total at the four Houſes	64,800

I am perſuaded the world will look upon this calculation to be very reaſonable, ſince it is well known, the receipt at Drury-Lane Houſe, and that in Covent-Garden, generally exceeds 80 l. a night, but I chuſe the part that will admit of no controverſy.

We muſt now viſit the two Opera-Houſes, and, I believe, the Managers will readily conſent to calculate the annual expence, at *twenty thouſand pounds*, which being added to the receipt of the 4 Play-houſes, will make 84,000 l.

Annual collection at the 4 Play-houſes	64,000
At the Opera houſes	20,000
Total	84,000

What an immenſe ſum is this to be laviſhed upon Pleaſures, ſcarcely juſtifiable? But as the queſtion has been already diſcuſſed by ſeveral learned Divines of the Church of England, I will not enlarge upon it in this place, but this is certain, that the eagerneſs with which the trading part of the Town are hurried to Play-houſes, often plunges them into great inconveniences, as well with regard to expence, as the neglect of buſineſs.

But I am not attempting a reformation, as I obſerved before, I would only ſubmit it to the conſideration of Parliament, whether thoſe, who can ſquander thirty or fourty pounds a year upon dangerous Amuſements, may not be compelled to contribute ſomething towards redeeming their fellow-ſubjects from Slavery and Oppreſſion.

Nothing can afford us a more diſmal idea, than the ſufferings of thoſe unhappy wretches; let us behold them labouring all day in mines, in a climate where the inclemency of the weather is almoſt inſupportable; let us behold them chained all night, loaded with irons, baſtinado'd and ſcourged, every moment tempted to renounce that Religion, for which the Saviour of the world was ſacrificed; whoever, I ſay, reflects upon thoſe ſufferings, thoſe chains, thoſe cruelties, thoſe temptations, with a Chriſtian eye, muſt conclude, that nothing can be more juſt or reaſonable, than to compel thoſe, who purchaſe Theatrical Diverſions at extravagant prices, and who are, I may ſay, ſwimming in wantonneſs and eaſe, to part with a ſmall portion of their ſuperfluities towards redeeming their fellow-ſubjects, their fellow-Chriſtians, from Bondage and Slavery.

Nothing can be more unworthy a Proteſtant country, than to ſuffer their ſubjects to continue in that melancholy ſtate, while in Popiſh countries, there are large funds eſtabliſhed by law, for redemption of Captives, which falls under the care of the religious Order, called the Fathers of Mercy, or the Trinity.

It is therefore humbly propoſed, that all the Tickets to be iſſued at the Theatres and Play-houſes, ſhall be ſubjected to the Stamp-duty, in ſuch manner, as the wiſdom of Parliament ſhall think fit.

Here it will be neceſſary to obſerve, there are ſeveral families, who pay annual ſums to the Theatres, to be exempted from the trouble of Tickets, which will require a particular conſideration.

I am well appriſed, that many Objections will be offered againſt a Scheme of this kind, and particularly, that it is unprecedented.

It muſt be acknowledged, indeed, that nothing of this nature has been attempted before; to which we muſt beg leave to reply, that the ſame objection might have been made againſt a great number of new Impoſitions unknown to our fathers, for which there is no other plea, than the neceſſities of the Publick, for ſupporting long and expenſive wars.

Amongſt thoſe new and extraordinary impoſitions, that upon paper may be looked upon as a grievous one to the unfortunate perſons, who are plunged in Law-ſuits, which in themſelves are calamity enough, without the aggravation of new expences.

The Duty upon Chairs is of the ſame caſt, ſince the owners are in a ſtate more reſembling beaſts, than men.

Let the men of pleaſure, who laviſh great Sums upon Theatres, reflect upon theſe, and the long train of Taxes upon Coals, Candles, and other neceſſaries of life, which are ſo grievous to the poor Labourers and Manufacturers of Great Britain, and I am inclinable to think they will not be ſurpriſed, that unneceſſary, expenſive, and dangerous pleaſures ſhould not be exempted.

As to the interruption, which this Scheme may give to polite Diverſions, it will be ſufficient to refer the Reader to what has been hinted at in the beginning of this Propoſal; and to obſerve, that the wiſdom of Parliament thought proper to extend the Stamp-duty to Cards and Dice, tho' they afford no ſmall pleaſure, and often without any violence either to Morals or Religion, which, according to Divines and others, are not a little wounded by Theatrical Repreſentations: and here it may not be improper to obſerve, that Theatres, in all other Countries, are ſubjected to heavy impoſitions, and particularly in France, where, the great Hoſpital, called, *L' Hotel de Dieu* at Paris, draws no ſmall ſhare of its endowment from the Duty upon Play-houſe Tickets.

News-papers fall under the Stamp-Laws, tho' they are not only amuſing, but often uſeful in all affairs of commerce.

The Advocates for the Theatres may, perhaps, flatter themſelves, that ſuch a deſign, as is now offered, will not take effect, in regard the Legiſlators will be ſenſibly affected by it: but nothing can be more injurious, than an inſinuation of that kind; nor is it credible, that they, who are the Guardians of the People, and aſſemble for no other end, but to promote the publick good, can be actuated by any little, ſcanty, or narrow views.

On the whole, as equality ſhould ever be obſerved in all Impoſitions upon the people, and particular regard had to the different circumſtances of thoſe who are to be charged with them, nothing ſeems more equitable, than to lay a ſmall Duty upon Theatrical Diverſions, (which are only proper for thoſe who abound in wealth) to redeem our ſeamen from the hands of Infidels, where they are perpetually oppreſſed, and tormented with the moſt exquiſite acts of cruelty, from which nothing can exempt them, but renouncing the name of Jeſus Chriſt.

An Account of the Sufferings, &c.

THE ſufferings and hardſhips of the Chriſtian ſlaves, that fall into the hands of Infidels, muſt melt the moſt obdurate hearts into tenderneſs and compaſſion; nor can I believe there is any Chriſtian in the world, who is appriſed of them, that would not chearfully contribute towards their relief.

When the Commander of a Chriſtian ſhip, that has made a gallant defence, becomes a prey to the *Barbartans*, he is immediately put into irons, and threatened with death, as ſoon as the ſhip puts into port.

If he or his men happen to complain of any ſeverities, contrary to the laws of war, they are thrown into irons, and baſtinado'd on the ſoles of their feet; if they are indulged with any nouriſhment, which is generally a ſmall quantity of rice, it is done with the greateſt ſcorn and contempt, and always with the opprobrious names of *Chriſtian* Dogs.

On their arrival at Mequinez, to which place all Slaves are carried, who are taken by the ſubjects of *Morocco*, they are preſented to the King, who orders them to be baſtinado'd, as an introduction to their future ſufferings; after this they are caſt into the moſt loathſome dungeons, where they continue, till they are expoſed to ſale in the market-place, like ſo many beaſts: but before this ceremony, they are brought again to the King's preſence, who orders them to be baſtinado'd once more, or put to the Torture. If any of the captives happen to be young, or beautiful, they are reſerved for his unnatural luſt.

When they are expoſed to ſale, they are ſtript naked, and all their limbs examined with the greateſt exactneſs; then the buyer asks the Slave he is about to purchaſe, What occupation he is beſt fitted for?

During their time of ſervitude and ſufferings, all attempts are made to prevail with them to abjure the Chriſtian Faith. They are compelled to labour all day without intermiſſion. If they are charged with any neglect or misbehaviour, tho' never ſo trifling, they are either burnt, impaled, or hung up by the heels; ſometimes loaded carts are ordered to paſs over their bodies; ſome have their privities torn off with packthread; others dragged by mules thro' the ſtreets; others are hung upon iron hooks faſtened to great poſts, where they continue ſeveral days in the moſt exquiſite torments, without any other hopes but death.

Gentlemen,

THE Author of an *Anſwer to the Examination of the Scheme of Church Power laid down in the* CODEX, has miſrepreſented a Fact, which not only concerns the prerogative of the Crown, but in ſome meaſure affects the property of many Subjects, as well of the Clergy as Laity. In the *Anſwer*, *pag.* 151, he aſſerts, that 'the *Lay Impropriations* (by which he in-'cludes all *Impropriations*) have no better an original, 'than the Tyranny and Oppreſſion of the Church of 'Rome.' Whereas 'tis certain, that the Kings of England appropriated Rectorys to the Abbeys, by reaſon of their poverty, and for their better ſupport, and in the northern parts of England, by reaſon of the depredations and dilapidations of the Scots: And I fancy he'll find it difficult to ſhew, that any *Appropriations* were made by the Pope of Rome, 'till after the firſt Statute of Mortmain in the reign of EDWARD I. and I believe thoſe were confirmed by the Crown. HENRY I. is recorded to be a pious and good Prince, and a lover of the Church: yet, by his own mere Will, he made *Appropriations* for the better ſupport of the Abbeys, as his Predeceſſors and Succeſſors did to the time of the Statute abovementioned; which fully evidences the ſupremacy of the King over the Church: for if a King could alien the revenue of a Church, ſurely he was the head of it. As to *Impropriations*, I apprehend the Impropriators have a better title to them than the Author inſinuates. For as the King could by his prerogative *appropriate* Rectorys, ſurely the Legiſlative Power might reſume thoſe *Appropriations*, when made an ill uſe of, and diſpoſe of them for the uſe of the Community. Nay, there are (as I have ſomewhere read) many inſtances, where the Kings, by their own authority, without any default of the Grantees, have ſuppreſſed religious Houſes (eſpecially thoſe founded or endowed by the Popes with Rectorys) and applied the revenues thereof to their own uſe, or the uſe of the Publick; and have often applied the revenues of one religious Houſe to the ſupport of another. Upon the whole, I think it may be concluded, that the Impropriators have a legal right and title to *Impropriated Rectorys*; and *æquitas ſequitur legem*. The publiſhing of this will oblige

Your conſtant Reader,

Inner Temple, March 22d, 1735-6. T. B.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
L E. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Apr.* 1. On ſunday the court will go into mourning on account of the death of Count Hanau, a near relation to her preſent Majeſty. *P. DA.* —— Brother-in-law to her Majeſty. *DJ.*

Yeſterday the Dukes of Devonſhire, Ancaſter, Bolton and Bridgewater, &c ſet out for Newmarket. *DA.*

We hear, that the bill to regulate the election of members to ſerve in Parliament was rejected yeſterday, by a majority of 47. *P.*

Yeſterday Mr Pidgeon and Mr. Garth run 12 times round Belſize for 50 l. a ſide, which was won with great difficulty by Mr. Pidgeon, although Garth fell down and ran 10 yards on the wrong ſide of the poſt, and was forced to return back, yet loſt it but by 2 foot. *LP.*

Married a few days ago at Leiceſter, Mr. Monday, to Miſs Anne Burdet. a young Lady of 5000 l. fortune. *LP.* —— On monday at Kenſington, Benj. Eldney, Eſq; to the relict of Tho. Andrews, Eſq; a Lady of great accompliſhments, and of an ample fortune. *P.*—— On tueſday Mr. Cam, aged about 60, who keeps the Sun tavern in Devonſhire ſtreet, to Miſs Pepper, about 16 or 17, with a conſiderable fortune. *LP.*

Died a few days ago in Glouceſterſhire, Vincent Trevor, Eſq; *P.* —— Laſt ſaturday at Briſtol, Anthony Perry of Henbury, Eſq; worth upwards of 1800 l. per ann. —— On ſunday at Richmond, Edw. Saunderſon, Eſq; *DP.*

FRIDAY, *Apr.* 2. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint John Lord Harvey, to be Lord lieutenant of the county of Stafford. *P. DP. DA. LP.* —— On tueſday granted a penſion of about 200 l. per ann. to Mrs. Sarah Battes, relict of Lieut. Battes, who loſt his life about 2 years ago in Ireland, by a muſket going off as he was exerciſing his company. *P.*

His royal highneſs the Prince has preſented the head of Mr. Rollo, the famous teacher of the Italian tongue, painted in Creons, to his Excellency Prince Cantemir. *LP.*——*Brother* Bailey *reads* Crayons.

On wedneſday the ſurveyors of his Majeſty's works meaſur'd and ſurvey'd the royal chapel at St. James's, in order to make the ſame commodious for the wedding of his highneſs the Prince of Wales, &c. *DP. DA.*

We hear the governors of the charity for clergymens widows and orphans have petitioned the Parliament to be excepted out of the bill now depending, to prohibit the diſpoſition of lands in *mortmain. DA*

Laſt wedneſday the Duke of Devonſhire's Gray Filly beat the Earl of Hallifax's Brown Filly at Newmarket for 100 guineas. *DP. DA. G.*

Tho. Revell, Eſq; hath purchaſed the fine ſeat, gardens and eſtate, at Fetcham in Surry, belonging to the late Arthur, Moore, Eſq; *LP.*

On tueſday the right hon. the Lord Cathcart, one of the 16 Peers for Scotland, ſet out for Ireland to review his Majeſty's forces. *DP.*

Married lately at York, Bennet Langton, Eſq; to Miſs Diana Turner. *DA.*

Died yeſterday the Lady Barbara Godolphin, wife of the hon. Mr. Godolphin. *P.* —— At her mother's in Privy-garden. *DP, DA. LP. G.*

SATURDAY, *Apr.* 3. On tueſday, his grace the Duke of Grafton appointed Mr. Hartley to be one of his Majeſty's meſſengers in ordinary, in the room of Mr. Mortram deceas'd. *DA.*

Yeſterday the rev. Mr. Mead was appointed chaplain of Sir Bartholomew's Hoſpital at Kingſland. *DJ.*

Yeſterday morning at 3, Mr. Smithigall, who keeps the Lamb Alehouſe by Leadenhall-market, rode to Newmarket and back again for 100 guineas: he was to have come in by half an hour after 10, but perform'd it in about an hour leſs than the time. *DP.* —— A poulterer, &c. it is 110 miles, and he was to do it in 23 hours. *LP.* —— On tueſday, Mr. Dugdale rode from Stepney to Chelmsford and back again in 5 hours and 40 minutes, for a conſiderable ſum of money: he was allow'd 5 hours and 48 minutes. *P.*

Yeſterday two noted walking men walked a match from S. Giles's pound to Acton, and back again, for 50 l. each carrying 40 pounds weight, which was won by one Sam. King, who is matched to walk to Barnet and back again, in a fortnight's time, againſt another perſon, for 200 l. *DJ.*—*The* Houyhnhnms *think, that the* two walking men *had a better right to haraſs their own carcaſſes, than the* two riding men *had to haraſs thoſe of their* horſes.

Yeſterday a woman was committed to the Compter for attempting to draw away a Lady of 30,000 l. fortune, to whom ſhe was a chambermaid. *P.*

They write from Reading, that laſt thurſday ſe'nnight, one Joſeph Mills, a dragoon, well in the morning, kill'd himſelf that day by drinking Geneva. *G.*

Married, on tueſday, Hen. Morrice, Eſq; to Miſs Leheup of Cornwall, a beautiful young Lady with 20,000 l. fortune. *P.* —— At Litchfield, Gilbert Walmeſley, Eſq; regiſter of the Dioceſe of Litchfield and Coventry, to Miſs Aſton, a young Lady of great merit, beauty and fortune. *DJ. G.*— On thurſday Sam. Edwin, Eſq; of Groſvenor-ſtreet, to the Lady Charlotte Hamilton. *LP.* — They are not yet married. *G. Ap.* 6.

Died, Mar. 18, at Little Bedwin in Wiltſhire, Hen. Tothergill, Eſq; his death was occaſioned by his being bit by a mad dog about 6 weeks ago. *P.*

MONDAY, *Apr.* 5. Yeſterday the right rev. Dr Martin Benſon, Lord Biſhop of Glouceſter, preached before their Majeſties, &c. *DJ. G.* —— The rev. Dr. Foulkes before his royal highneſs the Duke of Cumberland, &c. *DJ.*

We hear, that Mr. James of Greenwich is appointed to ſucceed Nic. Hawkeſmore, Eſq; late ſurveyor general of his Majeſty's works. *DJ.*

Mrs. Handesford, a near relation to the right hon. the Lord Caſtlecomer, having bequeathed her eſtates, real and perſonal, for eſtabliſhing a Proteſtant nunnery in this kingdom, the heirs at law have brought her Will in judgment, before his Hon. the Maſter of the Rolls. *DJ. DA.* — Mr. Conundrum *is of opinion, that all* Ladies *under* 45 *at leaſt, will* proteſt *againſt this* Proteſtant Nunnery.

We hear, that the bridge is to be built after the model of the late ingenious Mr. Hawkeſmore, that no houſes are to be built thereon; and that it will be made ſelony in any perſon to commit any act of annoyance to the work. *DA.*

On thurſday at Newmarket, the King's plate was won by Mr. Bradley's Bay ſtone-horſe. *DJ.* —— Mr. Hartley's horſe. *DP. DA.* —— *Whitefoot. LP.* —— The odds were 5 to 2 on the former. *DP. LP.* —— 5 to 1. *DJ.* —— On friday, Lord Portmore's *Fidler* beat Lord Middleton's *Brown Colt*, for 200 guineas. *LP.* —— Lord Middleton's *Brown Filly*, for 100 guineas. *DP.* —— On ſaturday. *DA.* —— Lord Gower's *Bay Filly* beat Mr. Lechmere's *Bay Colt*, for 200 guineas. *LP.* —— Mr. Winter's *Cat* beat Mr. Tuting's *Galloway. DJ.* —— On ſaturday Lord Weymouth's *Jenny-come-tye-me* paid the forfeit of 100 guineas to Mr. Vane's *Shock. DP. DJ. DA.*

On monday the Aſſizes ended at Shrewsbury, when Sam. Davis receiv'd ſentence of death, for the murder of a woman and her daughter. *DA. DJ.*

It is propoſed to get a clauſe added to the Bill concerning the Britiſh Sail cloth, for the encouragement of Scotch and Iriſh linnen, *viz.* That foreign linnens, whether in pieces, or made up in ſhirts and ſhifts, ſhould be ſtamp'd with a proper ſtamp, &c. *DJ.* — *And that* proper perſons *be appointed to examine the* linnen *of* either ſex.

Saturday being the anniverſary meeting of the Truſtees of the Infirmary in S. James ſtreet, Weſtminſter, an excellent ſermon was preach'd before them, by the right rev. the Lord Biſhop of Glouceſter, at S. Margaret's, &c. *LP.*

The ſame day, John Dampney, the jeweller, one of Macray's witneſſes at his tryal at Kingſton, ſtood in the pillory there, and was ſeverely pelted by the populace; he is to continue in priſon 2 years, to pay a fine of 20 s. and to find ſecurity for his good behaviour for 7 years. *DA. G.*

Married on thurſday, Sir Joſeph Moor, to Miſs Morris. *LP.* — Yeſterday, Tho. Whitmore, Eſq; member of Parliament for Bridgnorth, to Miſs Cope of Oxfordſhire, a beautiful young Lady with 20,000 l. *DP.*

TUESDAY, *Apr.* 6. On friday his Majeſty was pleas'd to appoint John Roll, Eſq; to be a Captain in the Earl of Effingham's regiment of foot. *P.*

The Yachts are ordered to be got ready by ſaturday to ſail to Holland, to wait the arrival of the Princeſs Auguſta of Saxe-Gotha. *LP.*

Mrs. Gilbert, the King's upholſterer, has receiv'd orders to furniſh his highneſs the Prince of Wales's apartments forthwith. *LP.*

Yeſterday at a court of Common Council, it was agreed, to petition the Houſe of Lords againſt the Bill for building a bridge at Weſtminſter. *DJ. DA.*

We hear that his honour the maſter of the Rolls hath poſtponed the affair of Mrs. Wandesford, 'till a convenient opportunity offers for hearing it. *LP.*

On ſaturday, at Newmarket, a blind horſe carrying 16 ſtone, beat another horſe with both his eyes, carrying 8 ſtone, for 40 guineas. *LP.* —— *In the opinion of the* Houyhnhnms, a blind horſe *is fitteſt to run a race.*

We hear from Dover, that Mr. Manwaring, ſon of Mrs. Oldfield, embark'd there, to commence his travels. *P.*

Laſt friday night, a fire happen'd in the running-horſe-ſtable of the right hon. the Earl of Godolphin at Hogmagog hills, near Cambridge; the running horſes were all got out ſafe. *DA.* —— It burn'd with great fierceneſs for a long time, and the damage is computed at upwards of 1000 l. *LP,*

On Mar. 23. James Murray, Eſq; appointed governor of the Iſle of Man, by his grace the Duke of Athol, opened his commiſſion in the caſtle of Caſtle-town, &c. *P. DP. DA. LP. G.*

This day ſe'nnight the Aſſizes ended at Nottingham, when 3 men receiv'd ſentence of death, two of which are repriev'd. —— At Shrewsbury two receiv'd ſentence of death, one of which is repriev'd. —— At Exeter, laſt ſaturday ſe'nnight, 8 receiv'd ſentence of death, 6 of which are repriev'd for tranſportation. *G.*

Married, laſt thurſday, at Bretly in Derbyſhire, Chriſtoph. Goodwin, Eſq; to Miſs Ward, a young Lady of fine accompliſhments, and a fortune of 8000 l. *DP.*—— Yeſterday, Jacob Jones of Hertford, Eſq; to Miſs Sarah Duncombe, a Lady of fine accompliſhments, and a fortune of 15,000 l. *G.*

Died on wedneſday at Briſtol, Rob. Coſter, Eſq; of Pendarvis in Cornwall. *P. DP. DA. LP. G.* —— On ſaturday at Acton, Geo. Wilſon, Eſq; *DP.* —— Of a dropſy, at Lee in Kent, Rich. Lewin, Eſq; *DA.*

WEDNESDAY, *Apr.* 7. Yeſterday Mr. Joſeph Lyceſt was ſworn into the place of yeoman of the ſalt ſtores to his Majeſty, vacant by the reſignation of Mr. Timothy Jordan. *LP.*

Yeſterday Bryan Benſon, Eſq; was rechoſen governor for the bank of England, and Tho. Cooke, Eſq; deputy-governor. *DP. DA. G.*

Laſt thurſday night the corpſe of Mrs. Anne Vane was privately interred in the cathedral church at Bath. *DA.*

Married on monday, at Kingſton, Nich. Fotherby, of Staines, Eſq; to Miſs Brooke, a beautiful young Lady, with a fortune of 14,000 l. *DP.* —— At Reading, Will. Hale, Eſq; to Mrs. Bradford, relict of Sam. Bradford, Eſq; a gentlewoman of a very plentiful fortune- *DJ.*

Died on tueſday, at Greenwich, in his 83d year, James Benſon, Eſq; *DJ.* —— Yeſterday, in the Temple, Joſeph Cole, of Eaſtwell in Kent, a young gentleman who came of age on thurſday, to an eſtate of 1300 l. per ann. *G.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

IT has been a frequent practice among our *Diſſenting Grubean brethren*, employed in Daily, Weekly, or Monthly Papers or Pamphlets, to take out of our *Journal* Poetical Pieces eſpecially, and to reprint them as their own, without the leaſt acknowledgment from whence they had them: this we take to be plagiary, piracy, or literary theft, in the propereſt ſenſe. A flagrant inſtance of which the *Compiler* of the *Poſt-Boy* has given us in his Paper of laſt *Saturday Ap.* 3. where he has reprinted a long Copy of VERSES *to the Memory of* Mrs. ELIZABETH FRANKLAND; which, at the particular deſire of the Author, were publiſhed in our 318th *Journal, Jan* 29. To conceal the theft, he has put IRELAND at the head of them; as if he had received them from that kingdom. A trick which others, as well as himſelf, frequently make uſe of, with a different view, *viz.* to put off here, as the compoſitions of ſome Wit at Dublin, the real productions of ſome latent member of our Society.

We think the *Proprietors of the Eaſt-India-ſtock*, whoſe ingenious *Epiſtles* have almoſt filled all the Daily Papers for this laſt week, ought to have preſented them to all the Coffee-houſes; to be read *gratis* by all thoſe cuſtomers, who have no concern in the Controverſies relating to that illuſtrious Company.

Dear GRUB.

I Went to ſee myſelf repreſented t'other night at the Hay-market, I was mightily pleaſed to ſee the greateſt Poet of this age applaud me there, and could not forbear breaking out into the following excurſion.

On ſeeing Mr. POPE at the *Dramatic Satire* call'd *Paſquin.*

To lure to virtue, and to laſh our crimes,
The Comic Muſe was rear'd in former times:
But now in this French, Mongril, Aping age,
Buffoons, and Songſters only can engage:
Baniſh'd the Stage, the Boxes, and the Pit,
Gladly the dull unthinking Herd I quit.
But to inform them what a bliſs they've loſt,
Paſquin ſhall ſtill torment them with my Ghoſt;
And laſh ſecure the Witlings of our Iſle,
Whilſt POPE vouchſafes to grace him with a ſmile.

Pleaſe to inſert this, and you'll oblige

Your Friend and conſtant Companion,
COMMON SENSE.

On wednesday arrived an expreſs from Scotland, with an account of the death of the right hon. the Lord Barganey, who died a few days ago in Airſhire. *LP. Ap.* 2. —— Aged about 22. *G. Ap.* 6. —— Near 30. *LP. Ap.* 6.

Some days ago, Geo. Porteous, a blackſmith, at Edmiſtoun near Edinburgh, having ſeverely beat and abus'd his wife, thought himſelf ſo highly affronted by the neighbours *riding the Stang for him*, that he hang'd himſelf the next day. *G. Ap.* 6. —— 'Tis remarkable that his hands were tied behind his back, and a cloth on his face. *LP. Ap.* 6. — *One would imagine, that he was not only* condemned, *but* executed *by* his wife, *or ſome of her friends.*

Dublin, Mar. 23. Laſt week died ſuddenly, in the county of Meath, the right hon. the Lord Dunſany. *P. Ap.* 2.

The Houſe of Commons have paſſed ſeveral Reſolutions againſt the demands of a tythe agiſtment for dry and barren cattle, concluding, That all legal ways and means ſhall be made uſe of to oppoſe all attempts to carry ſuch demands into execution, till a proper remedy can be provided by the Legiſlature. *G. Ap.* 2.

On Mar. 23. died the right hon. Frances, Counteſs of Newburgh. *LP. G. Ap.* 3.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Ap.* 1. Near 12,000 Spaniards, with their artillery, &c. departed from Leghorn, Mar. 26. N. S. in about 70 ſail of ſhips, barks, &c. for Barcelona. *DJ.* — About 80 ſhips, &c. *LP.*

FRIDAY, *Ap.* 2. We hear that a company of Italian ſingers putting in at Gibraltar, in their way to the Court of Lisbon, were forbid to land by the brave Britiſh governor, upon which they retired greatly amazed to meet with ſuch treatment from the Engliſh. *DP.* — *Our* military gentlemen *abroad have not, it ſeems, ſo great a veneration for* Italian ſingers, *as thoſe at home.*

MONDAY, *Ap.* 5. King Staniſlaus ſet out from Koninsberg the 27th, attended only by governor Katte, and ſome few Lords: the whole city expreſs'd their grief in the moſt ſenſible manner at his departure. *LP.*

The right hon. the Lord de la War arriv'd at Gotha Mar. 24th in the evening, and immediately notified his arrival; upon which the Prince ſent to compliment his Lordſhip. The next morning the officers again waited on his Lordſhip, and about noon the Duke ſent his coach of ſtate, preceded by another coach, to his Lordſhip; who was attended by ſeveral officers and pages walking on the ſides. His Lordſhip had audience, and dined with the Duke: 6 healths were drank, and to each 27 pieces of cannon were diſcharged, trumpets and kettle-drums giving notice. Afterwards they drank 5 healths, and to each 17 braſs cannon were diſcharged. —— The Princeſs Auguſta, at the arrival of his Lordſhip, was with her mother, 12 German miles from Gotha, but arrived there on the 27th. On ſunday the 28th, his Lordſhip had an audience of her highneſs, and was magnificently entertained at dinner and ſupper in the great hall, which was illuminated by 1000 wax candles, beſides thoſe on the tables. The guards are newly cloathed on this occaſion. His highneſs the Duke made a preſent to Mr. Bowie of 50 piſtols, and the Princeſs of 30. *P.*

TUESDAY, *Apr.* 6. Letters from Lisbon ſpeak of an inſurrection, on account of the ſcarcity of fuel and proviſions; ſo that a calf is worth near 6 l. ſterl. *DA.* —— 'Tis ſaid that the long ſtay of the Engliſh fleet, together with the late continual rains, have not a little contributed thereto. *DP. P.*

Letters from Vienna aſſure, that the Emperor is determined to limit the naval power which Don Carlos ſhall have, having already taken umbrage at the number of galleys and men of war that young Prince has ordered on the ſtocks. *DA.* —— The King of Naples intends to keep conſtantly on foot, a body of 40,000 regular troops. *P.* —— *This may hinder the* Emperor's *intended* limitation.

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